(c) whether the Union Government propose to issue any guidelines to States regarding ensuring safety and hygiene of food served by small hotels on streets in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The book titled "Health Law - International and Regional Perspectives", has been persued which interalia covers the nature and scope of various types of health legislation covering areas like Food Safety, HIV/AIDS, counterfeit drugs, pharmacy manpower, drug and alcohol dependence etc. The topics covered are of current interest.

(c) and (d) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 already stipulate conditions for ensuring safety and hygiene of food served by eating establishments including small hotels on streets in both urban and rural areas. Some of the salient features of such conditions are :

(i) Premises of eating establishments have to be free from sanitary defects.

(ii) No person shall manufacture, store or expose for sale or permit the sale of any article of food in any premises not effectively separated from any privy, urinal, sullage, drain or place of storage of foul and waste matter.

(iii) Food/eating establishments shall not employ any person who is suffering from infections, contagious or loath-some disease.

(iv) All vessels used for the storage or manufacture of the articles intended for sale shall have proper cover to avoid contamination.

The Food Health Authorities of States/UTs have been advised to strictly implement the above cited conditions for ensuring safety and hygiene of food.

Family Welfare and Vaccination Programmes

*319. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Family Welfare and vaccination Programmes are being carried out efficiently and smoothly in all the States in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such States where the aforesaid programmes are not being implemented properly; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to run these programmes smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The Family Welfare Programme being a centrally sponsored one, is voluntary and its accepetance level depends on factors like effectiveness of State Government set up and of NGOs in the area, Socio-Economic conditions, literacy and status of women in the Community. The performance is comparatively weak in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir and in North-Eastern States.

(d) Keeping in view the wide awareness already created, the effort now is to improve the quality of services for the people. Various programmes have been integrated into one integrated programme designated "Reproductive and Child Health". The system of setting contraceptive targets from the top has been replaced by decentralised planning of services at the level of the Primary Health Centre. In the IXth Plan, the States, districts which are lagging behind are proposed to be given greater attention.

Blood Banks

*320. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives for streamlining the operations of blood banks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Experts Committee have reviewed the functioning of Blood Banks both private and Government in the country in various States;

(d) the number of such blood banks in operation in the States and their yearly collection of blood vis-a-vis actual requirement, State-wise; and

(e) the details of reforms carried out recently/under consideration for scientific and effective operation of blood banks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement-I is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Statement-II indicating the number of blood banks in operation in the States/UTs and their yearly collection of blood is laid on the table of Lok Sabha.

The actual requirement is not yet known; however, World Health Organisation recommends requirement of 7 units of blood per hospital bed per annum.

(e) A Statement-I laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.